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I am writing to comment on the proposed change to the domestic violence laws detailed in the Detroit News on Aug. 11, 2003. I have three comments:

1. I think that an abuser's past history should be allowed in court proceedings. Also, expanding the definition of domestic violence to dating relationships would be very important given the epidemic of abuse in those relationships alone.

According to the article, protection orders from other states are not recognized. I think they should definitely be.

Teams should be used to review domestic violence deaths.